

Alzheimer's State Plan Update, Executive Board Minutes of Meeting Held Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Child & Family – Main Conference Room Providence, RI 02905

Attendance:

Lt. Governor Daniel McKee Thomas Enright, Esq., Interim Chairperson Sandra Fournier, Seven Hills Donna McGowan, Alzheimer's Assoc. RI Chapter

Craig Dwyer, Lt. Governor's Office Barbara Goodrich, Lt. Governor's Office

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10 by Interim Chairman Thomas Enright. It was noted that only three (3) members were present so a quorum had not been met.

Old Business:

Continued Discussion on State Plan Update

Chairman Enright stated he would like to see the sub-groups move forward with implementation of goals that have been identified. If a group has 4-5 recommendations, he noted they should try to implement at least 2-3 goals that are presently attainable (adding we should all be going after the "low growing fruit"). He advised the group to look through the State Plan and review your subsection. It was noted by the Chairman that you should try to meet as many of the goals in the State Plan as possible before adding or changing the plan.

This discussion led to the issue of obtaining grants. It was decided that it would be in the best interest to form a Grant Committee charged with this purpose.

Chairman Enright inquired how grants are identified. Donna McGowan replied there is no "list" she is aware of, and there is no particular system in place. Her process includes first approaching the congressional delegation then the Department of Elderly Affairs asking them to research for her particular needs. She also looks for monies that were rewarded but not used.

Sandra Fournier stated that a member of her staff located and applied for the Administration for Community Living \$1 M grant that they secured. Everyone present agreed to search further for a grant database or resource listings. Both Sandra and Donna explained that it is a collaboration between groups, and often times they are competing for the same funds.

Donna feels funding will be more available for Alzheimer's because in Washington, DC the disease is a hot topic and high priority.

Lieutenant Governor McKee said that as Mayor of Cumberland, the town would go to the Congressmen and explain their needs and they in turn would inform them what was available. He added that they would identify specific needs and submit one document resulting in only one visit a year to the congressional officials.

In regards to AOA/DMV issues Donna McGowan noted that we should meet with Director Fogarty for funding.

New Business:

Suggestions for the Grant Committee were Phil Clark from the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Laura Stanton, and Paula Parker from DEA. Sandra Fournier and Donna McGowan agreed to co-chair. Chairman Enright offered to speak with any individuals the Chairs want to ask to join.

All subcommittee chairs will be asked to identify their needs for funding and develop a list to submit to the Grant Committee, keeping sustainability in mind. The Grant Committee will assemble a comprehensive list along with a mini business plan in hopes of identifying available funding resources.

Lieutenant Governor will ask his Chief of Staff, Tony Silva, who previously headed the DMV, to meet with Chairman Enright regarding the Safe Driving initiatives.

Calendar & Next Steps:

Barbara Goodrich will send a draft of minutes of the meeting to the Board members. She will work with Chairman Enright to establish a calendar of meeting dates and include the list of dates with the minutes.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Goodrich
Executive Assistant to Lieutenant Governor McKee